

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 62

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE
12 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES.

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14 WHEREAS, nationally, at the state and local government
15 level, jurisdictions are examining the costs to the criminal
16 justice system of the traffic citation warrant process; and

17 WHEREAS, currently traffic warrants represent more than
18 one-half of all outstanding warrants; and

19 WHEREAS, research data collected has demonstrated that
20 criminal traffic warrants do not deter a habitual traffic
21 offender from disregarding traffic laws nor do they provide
22 increased safety on the public highways; and

23 WHEREAS, some jurisdictions have amended their traffic
24 codes to provide for civil penalties on traffic violations
25 rather than criminal penalties and fines; and

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